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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Appl. No. 10/005,647; Filed: December 7, 2001
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 the Same and Uses Thereof**

Inventors: Jalkanen *et al.*
 Our Ref: 1708.0280002/MAC/MBT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet citing 6 documents);
3. 6 documents attached cited in Form PTO-1449; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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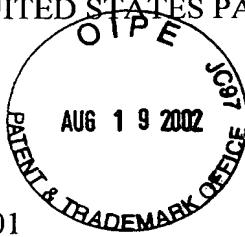
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The partial international search report for the corresponding PCT application is provided as document AT1.

WO 01/38507 A1 is in the Japanese language. This document was cited on the English language partial international search report that is attached as document AT1. It appears that the

subject matter is drawn to an *Arabidopsis* gene encoding a GDP-4-keto-6-deoxy-D-mannose-3,5-epimerase-4-reductase, deletion, substitution, addition, or insertion variants and a process for producing GDP-L-fucose.

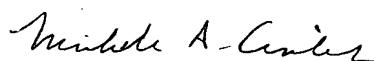
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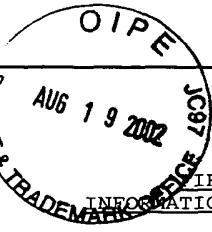
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